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As the FCC is aware through scientific studies, about 90% of the birds killed are neotropical migratory birds, usually hitting the towers as they migrate during the night. Many of these birds are endangered or species of special concern. No matter their status it is utterly offensive and unnecessary for Americans to be causing the deaths of such an enormous number of birds.

I urge the FCC to comply with the relevant laws of our nation protecting birds, and, as soon as possible, adopt all presently-known measures to prevent further bird deaths at communication towers.

Thanks for considering my comments

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